

at least two openings defining respective opening areas for one of treating and handling said at least one workpiece thereat;

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a transport device [rotatable around a rotational axis;], comprising

a drive [arrangement for rotating said transport device] shaft rotatable around a rotational axis of said drive shaft;

at least two conveyors arranged at said transport device for at least one workpiece each, said transport device comprising a transport arm for each conveyor projecting from said [rotational axis] drive shaft;

said arms being operatively coupled to said conveyors to move said conveyors relative to said [transport device] shaft.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

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3. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said conveyors are movable at least one of parallel to said [rotational axis] drive shaft and of [radially] normally with respect to said [rotational axis] drive shaft.

[Please amend Claim 4 as follows:]

4. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said conveyors, once positioned adjacent one of said openings by rotation of said transport device, are movable towards and from said opening in a normal direction [given by normals on] of said opening areas [defined by said openings].

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

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6. (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein each of said openings defines an opening area [each], with normals on

123 ¹²³ said opening areas pointing in a direction of respective generatrix of said cone-shaped trajectory surface.

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

Line 5, after "chamber" insert --]--.

Please amend Claim 12 as follows:

12. ¹⁰ (Twice Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of said conveyors comprise a seal member for sealingly closing one of said openings when said at least one conveyor is rotated adjacent to said opening by said transport device.

Please amend Claim 20 as follows:

1420. (Amended) A vacuum chamber for processing at least one workpiece, comprising at least two openings defining respective opening areas for treating or handling said at least one workpiece thereat; a transport device [rotatable around a rotational axis;] with a drive [arrangement] shaft for rotating said transport device around a rotational axis of said drive shaft; at least two conveyors arranged at said transport device for [at least one] the workpiece [each] thereat, said transport device further comprising a transport arm for each conveyor projecting from said [rotational axis] drive shaft; said arms being operatively coupled to said conveyors to move said conveyors relative to said [transport device] shaft.

[Please amend Claim 21 as follows:]

17 21. (Amended) The chamber of claim 20, ¹⁶ wherein each of said openings [define] defines an opening area [each] with, normals on said opening areas being warped with respect to said rotational axis.

[Please amend Claim 22 as follows:]

22.¹⁸ (Amended) The chamber of claim 20,¹⁶ wherein said conveyors are movable at least one of parallel to said rotational axis and of [radially] normally with respect to said rotational axis.

[Please amend Claim 23 as follows:]

23.¹⁹ (Amended) The chamber of claim 20,¹⁶ wherein said conveyors, once positioned adjacent one of said openings by rotation of said transport device, are movable towards and from said opening in a normal direction [given by normals on] of said opening areas [defined by said openings].

Please amend Claim 25 as follows:

25.²¹ (Amended) The chamber of claim 24,²⁰ wherein each of said openings define an opening area [each] with, normals on said opening areas pointing in a direction of respective generatrix of said cone-shaped trajectory surface.

Please amend Claim 27 as follows:

27.²³ (Amended) The chamber of claim 20,¹⁶ wherein at least one of said conveyors comprise a seal member for sealingly closing one of said openings when said at least one conveyor [means] is rotated adjacent to said opening by said transport device.

REMARKS

In view of the telephonic discussion with the Examiner on April 20, 1993, the above amendments to the claims are submitted in an effort to resolve any remaining informalities and to more precisely define the present invention vis-a-vis the prior art.